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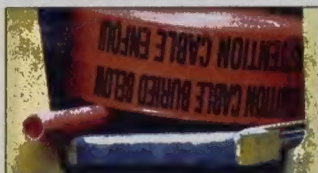
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Candidates seek legal advice

Ingram Wessell wants rejected ballots counted

by STEVE GALEA
Special to the Times

Recounts and the opening of rejected ballots will take place in

Minden Hills if candidates Ingram Wessell and Lisa Schell get their way. Both announced that they will seek the services of a lawyer to begin the proceedings for a recount, but Wessell wants to take that one step further.

Though ousted by six votes, the Ward 2 incumbent says he's interested in a recount but even more interested in "opening up the

spoiled ballots." He says, "It might make it so I lose by 100 votes but, if so, I don't care. You won't hear a complaint about it from me; at least we'll know the truth."

Wessell is joined in that sentiment by Basil Cox and Chuck Viner of Wards 2 and 3 in the municipality of Highlands East. All three candidates intend to

seek legal advice on how to deal with the almost 1,000 ballots that were rejected, primarily because the outer envelope did not.

"These people, whose ballots were rejected, had an honest intent to vote," says Wessell. "I don't think they're being treated very fair."

Wessell says using DataFix, the
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Casey Lessard/TIMES

Seeing double

Who is that man (woman?) in the mirror. Find out why audiences at this week's Highlands Little Theatre production will be wondering why the actress Charlene Nicholson looks so familiar in our behind-the-scenes peek at the play on page 3.

Drivers in head-on collision are on the mend

by STEVE GALEA
Special to the Times

A violent head-on collision has left two Haliburton County men badly injured but recovering.

Walt Griffin, 33 of Haliburton, who suffered a serious pelvic injury, several broken ribs, and some damaged vertebrae, is con-

valescing in St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. Michael Lopez, 44, of Minden, underwent knee surgery at Sunnybrook Hospital, as a result of the accident, and has recently been transferred back to the Highlands where he will recuperate.

The accident occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. on

November 14 on County Road 21, roughly 100 metres west of the Hilltop Market. A police investigation revealed that an eastbound 1994 Chrysler Concorde, driven by Griffin, crossed over the centre line and collided with a westbound 2005 Honda Pilot, driven by Lopez.

Both vehicles were extensively

damaged and Griffin and Lopez had to be extricated from his vehicle by firefighters using the jaws of life. Both men, and three other passengers in Lopez's vehicle, were taken immediately by ambulance to Haliburton Hospital for treatment. Griffin was then transferred by ambulance to St.

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Passengers not seriously hurt

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Michael's in Toronto and Lopez to Sunnybrook, also in Toronto. Lopez's three other passengers were treated for less serious injuries and later released.

Griffin's father, Walt Griffin Sr., says, "I am grateful to the people who helped my son and Mr. Lopez and his passengers. My family and I offer our heartfelt thanks to those citizens who first responded, as well as the fire-fighters, police, and paramedics."

Griffin is also appreciative of those at Haliburton Hospital who offered good advice. "At times like this, the trauma to the family of the injured is terrific. The support of all these people helped us tremendously."

Lastly, Griffin says, "We're praying for our son and the Lopez family and we're grateful. Things could have been a lot worse."

At press time, the investigation is still on-going and police have not released any details as to whether any charges will be laid.



Paramedics prepare one of the people involved in the accident for transportation to the Haliburton Hospital.

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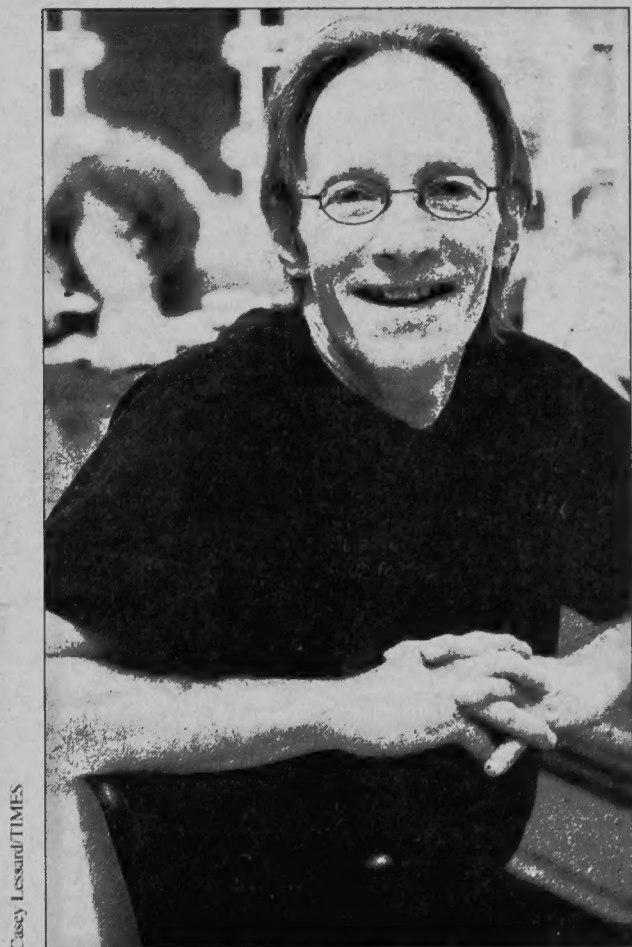
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Tim Nicholson is no stranger to the Highlands stage but usually he gets a male role.



In this week's Highlands Little Theatre production, however, something far more dramatic happens.



Nicholson emerges on the stage as Thelma, a woman (not a man playing a woman.)

The Farnsdale Ladies present...

... the amazing but true transformation of actor Tim Nicholson

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

Whoever said brevity is the soul of wit has obviously never heard of *The Farnsdale Avenue Housing Estates Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of: A Christmas Carol*. If they had, they just might have amended that statement.

While the play has yet to have its debut here, it already seems to be a high comedy on par with anything Mel Brooks has to offer. For one thing, in doing this story, I had the distinct pleasure of interviewing consummate local actor Tim Nicholson, who drifted in and out of character; sometimes he was himself relaxing with a cold beer after a hard day at the theatre, at other times he was his alter ego Charlene Nicholson, who plays the role of Thelma Greenwood in the play.

It was all very disturbing – but highly entertaining too.

Of course, Nicholson never set out to play a woman. None of us ever do.

Instead he auditioned for the role of Gordon, the only male role in the play. Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on whether you are, at that moment, Tim or Charlene Nicholson, Terry Anderson had already nailed that role.

Confusing? Maybe Tim can explain it best.

"Producer/director Jack Brezina suggested that I audi-

tion for the role of Thelma – a woman and one of the leading character's in the play. I thought about it a bit and then decided it would be a great challenge for an actor. So I said yes."

From that time in mid-September onwards, Nicholson has led a very complex life. Normally, he's Tim. But when he enters the theatre he transforms into Charlene Nicholson (who is listed on the play poster); soon after he dons makeup, puts on padding, and gets on-stage to become Thelma, who, in turn, spends a good part of the play trying to imitate a man, in this case Alistair Sims in his classic role as Ebenezer Scrooge.

Still confused? Me too. But it does sound like a whole lot of fun doesn't it?

Brezina says few people but Nicholson could pull it off so well. "He's quite an accomplished actor and he is very convincing."

Nicholson, Tim this time, credits Caryl Miller for the vocal and mannerisms he uses in the role. "She taught me how to walk and talk like a lady." He also credits the crew and fellow actors for allowing him to take the role seriously.

"At first, it was a bit of a shock for everyone but as we progressed in rehearsals, everyone began treating me as Thelma. That helped me get into the role. I knew things were going well when they started laughing at the lines, not at the character."

As you might guess, the subtleties are what make him convincing. "As a man, if I get mad, my voice immediately lowers. As a woman, my voice gets higher. There are all sorts of differences like this that you need to pay attention to."

Brezina says that plays like this have a long-standing tradition of male actors playing female roles.

The play itself is a seasonal comedy suitable for the

whole family. Nicholson summarizes, "It's about a sincere group of women who really believe that they are putting on the best performance of *A Christmas Carol* that they could possibly put on. They are very serious about it."

Maureen Johnson plays Felicity; Cathy Cox takes on the role of Pheobe Reese; Karen Frybort nails the role of Mercedes, who has been tragically injured in a supermarket trolley crash. Alongside this cast of eccentric misfits is Terry Anderson as Gordon, the harried male, and Eleanor Cooper playing Gwyneth, the musical accompanist, who enjoys a little nip every now and then. Nicholson says each does a great job in bringing their roles to life.

Lastly, he credits Heather Smith. "She's our incredible stage manager. She handles everything from Band-Aids to sets. Without her there would be no play."

Co-directing and co-producing alongside Jack Brezina is Curtis Eastmure. "Both of these men have done an excellent job on sets, direction and promotion," Nicholson adds.

Asked about his impressions of himself as a woman, Tim laughs and says, "Frankly, I didn't know I could look that good."

Go to the play. Find out for yourself.

The Farnsdale Avenue Housing Estates Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of: A Christmas Carol is playing from November 22 to 25 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Baubles and Bonbons in Haliburton and The Store Room in Minden for \$16, which includes a snack specially prepared by the Farnsdale Ladies during intermission. This is a Highlands Little Theatre production.

Trails and Tours defers changes to its leadership

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours annual general meeting on November 16 ended without the presentation of a new board of directors, executive, or president, despite these being key items on the agenda.

"We forgot to bring along the list of candidates," says administrative co-ordinator Samantha Davies. "Because of that, this item will be deferred to the January 10 meeting."

Approximately 20 members attended the meeting, held at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery. They went on to approve the organization's 2005 financial statement, the current agenda, and the minutes of the 2005 AGM. They also appointed an auditor.

Of particular note in the president's report was Kate Hall's acknowledgement of the loss of two key and long-

serving members of the organization, founding board member Barrie Martin and executive-director Lindsay Elder. Both left their roles in September, although Martin continues to be involved as a volunteer and sits on some committees.

Martin says, "Though I've reduced my participation in the organization, I'm very proud of what Trails and Tours has accomplished. It has my full support. It has played a big role in this county and I think its future is bright."

In her report, Hall also spoke of the difficulties overcome by the organization after August's violent windstorms, which downed trees on many trails immediately prior to the organization's Hike Haliburton Festival. She credited volunteers who helped re-open affected trails for the ultimate success of the event.

She then presented constitutional changes designed to engage the board of directors and reduce the workload of the much smaller executive. These were discussed and a decision was deferred so that the membership could have

time to consider the implications.

Volunteer awards were also on the agenda. The Ontario Trail Council's Trail User and Builder Award went to Peter Brogden and Don Gage who represent the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club. Rick Armstrong, of the Haliburton ATV Association won the Trails and Tours Volunteer Award while Brogden, Brenda Wilcox, and Steve Walker of the Algonquin Highlands' Walking Trails Committee were given the Trails and Tours Trail User and Builder Award.

A further Trail Builder Award was presented to Eleanor Harrison of Algonquin Highlands and Sharon and Bob Briscoe were honoured with the organization's Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Steve Walker, Brenda Wilcox, and Sandy Warrington were presented with Outstanding Volunteer Awards. Lastly, Kate Hall was also given a gift in appreciation for her dedication and service.

Aggregate fees won't benefit township as much as hoped

by BOB HUGHES
Special to The Times

The Ontario government is about to institute long-awaited changes to its Aggregate Resources Act that include increased extraction fees for quarries and pits, but county and municipal government treasuries will benefit less than Queen's Park.

Passed into legislation on October 26 for implementation on January 1, 2007, the new Schedule of Fees applicable to quarry and pit production increases the rate to 11.5 cents

Of that total, Galway-Cavendish and Harvey chief building official Dave Wellman says, six cents will go to the municipalities where production occurs, up from the previous four cents, 1.5 cents to the counties whose roads carry the truck traffic, 0.5 cents to the Aggregate Trust Fund, which pays for environmental research and quarry/pit-property rehabilitation, and three cents to the province.

GCH has much of the region's multi-square-kilometre, premium-grade limestone-granite "reef" whose crushed aggregate and slab rock are highly valued for construction, road-building and polished-stone materials, mostly in the Hamilton-Greater Toronto Area and the northeastern United States. Its council also spearheaded the campaign for increased fees.

However, Wellman adds, the new rev-

enues are still far from adequate for the increasingly onerous damage to the region's roads, especially since the counties serving the production zones will receive the second-lowest amount and have the longest stretches of road to look after.

There is a second element that also has local governments up in arms. The royalties from operations on provincial Crown lands, which have been increased from 25 to 50 cents per tonne, will all go to the province. With one of the largest proportions of Crown land to total area in southern Ontario, GCH is thus being cut out of significant revenues from its largest asset.

There is one positive, revenue-producing aspect of the new regulations: Galway-Cavendish quarry and pit operations have been included in what has exclusively been a Harvey-only situation.

Previously, Wellman explains, there was an east-west demarcation across Ontario, with operations north of it exempted from paying any fees or obtaining Ministry of Natural Resources licences. While much of that delineation line was as far north as Timmins and Thunder Bay, it was in part at its southernmost across GCH, where it ran above County Road 36 and Bobcaygeon, following Bass Lane along part of its route.

With its elimination will come the additional revenues from existing and new operations within the newly-regulated area.



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Digging in for fibre optics

Expertech employee Tom Cameron monitors plow operator Clarence Jansen of Avertex, a company contracted to lay fibre optic cable with a plow designed to limit damage to the path being cut. Expertech, contracted by W3 Connex to bring fibre optic cable from the City of Kawartha Lakes along the rail trail into Haliburton and Minden. This will provide land based high-speed internet for all municipal buildings in the county, school board buildings, Fleming College, and the general public through W3 Connex (most through wireless). It is also hoped the Ministry of Health will fund connection for local health providers through Smart Systems for Health.

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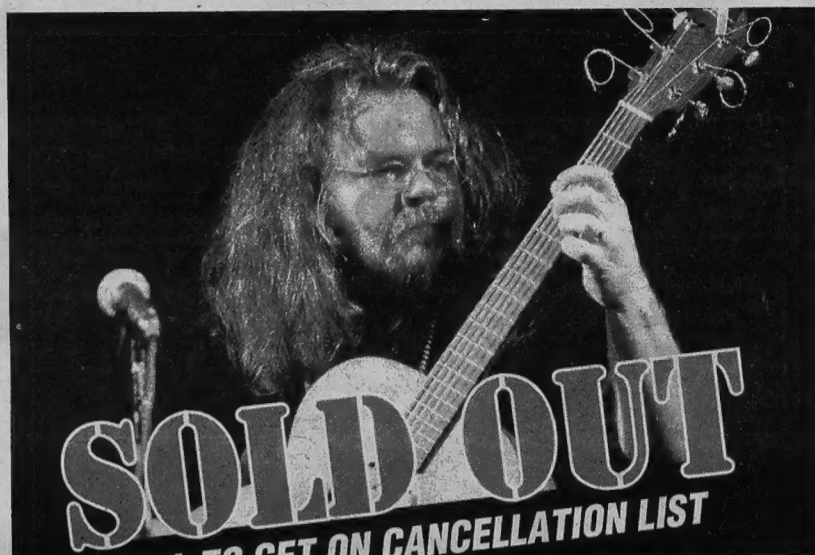


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Committee bridges the gap to healthy living

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

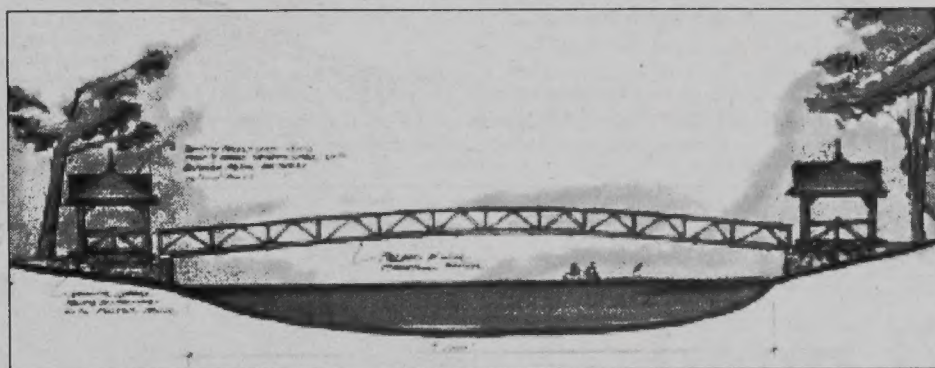
It may be a little easier to get around Minden on foot next spring, thanks to the efforts of the Haliburton: A Community in Action committee.

During their final meeting before last Monday's election, Minden Hills council approved the committee's request to dig test holes and conduct soil samples alongside the Gull River in Minden. The municipality also agreed to provide traffic control while the testing is carried out.

The tests are being done to determine the best location for a pedestrian bridge that would connect Water Street to Invergordon Street. The purpose is to create a "pedestrian loop" in the village so that residents and visitors can get on the move, says Kate Hall, a committee member and director of the U-Links centre for community-based research.

"We recognize that we live in a rural community, and that most of the time people need to drive to get where they're going but once you do get to town you can get around actively, get some physical exercise, and cut down on congestion in the summer," Hall says.

Hall says that fostering a healthy community in Minden could improve not only



This is an initial concept of what a pedestrian bridge across the Gull River could look like. A more formal design will be done over the winter.

the health and vitality of those being active, but also bolster the allure and image of the village itself.

"It just creates a vibrant community when people are out walking, cycling, skateboarding, and in-line skating. Being active in their communities rather than just getting around in their vehicles," says Hall.

The Community in Action committee, which formed in 2004, is working in closely with both the Friends of Minden Hills and the municipality's Riverwalk committee on this project. Earlier this year they applied for community capacity funding from the HCDC and were provided with enough finances to conduct the

geo-technical work this fall, as well as the design work for the pedestrian bridge, which will be carried out over the winter months.

If all goes according to plan, the soil samples will render positive results and the committee will be able to determine a location for the bridge. Hall says that the committee aims to have all the design work complete by the end of March, with hopes of breaking ground on the project sometime next spring.

The bridge will most likely be paved to accommodate not only walkers and joggers, but also those on bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates. The structure will not be built to accommodate motor

vehicles, nor will snowmobiles be permitted.

Hall says the pedestrian bridge project is the second phase of a larger undertaking, in which the committee is trying to make all of Haliburton County more conducive to healthy and active lifestyles.

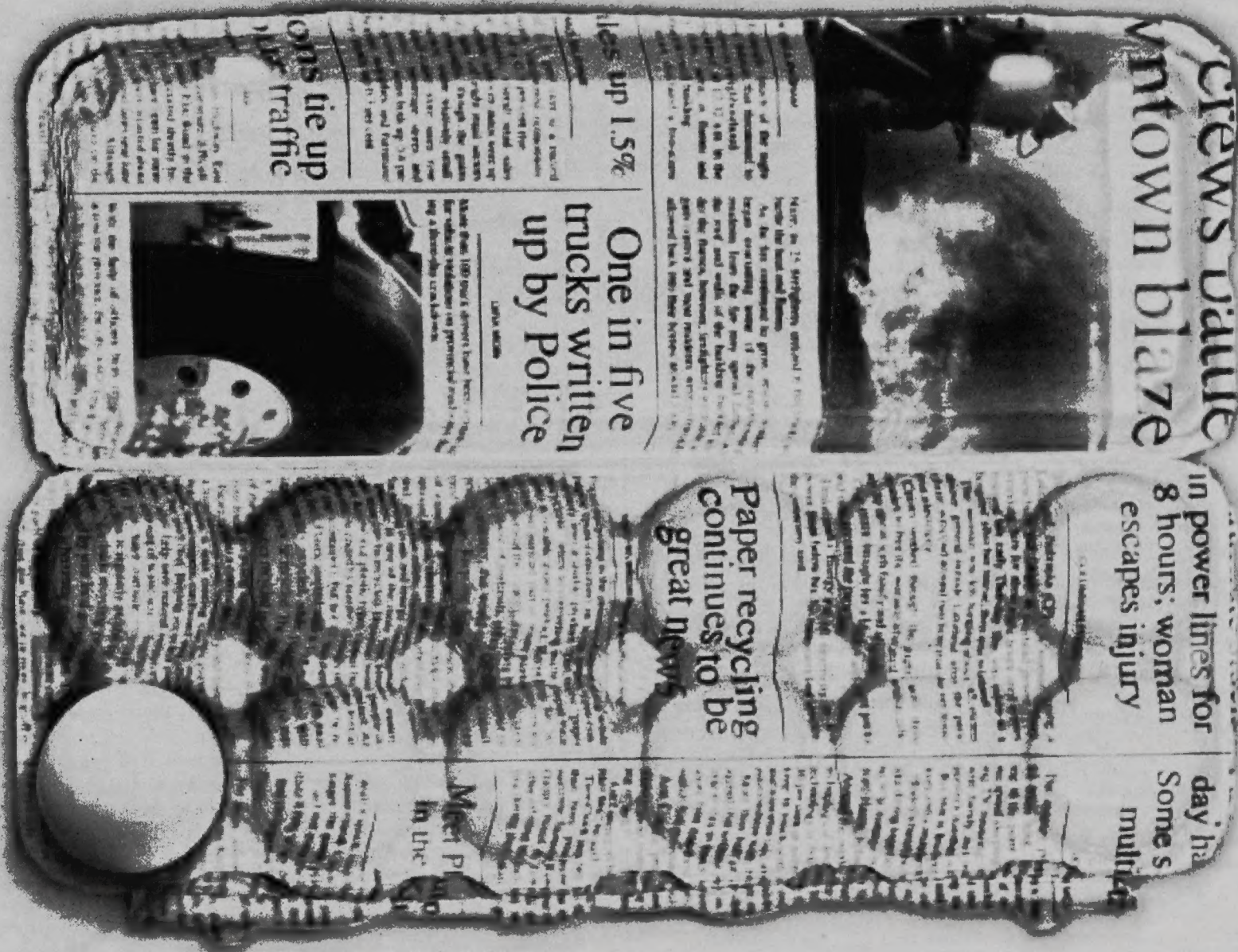
Phase one of the project saw the committee implementing a number of strategies in Haliburton village, including a "Walk, Bike, and Be Active" map of the area, which outlined walking and cycling routes in and around the village and highlighted key activity areas and attractions.

Hall says a fair amount of research went in to creating the map, including "walkability assessments" of the community, as well as first-hand consultation and focus groups with residents exploring where the active hot spots are and, likewise, where there may be any hazards to active pursuits.

Over the coming months, Hall says the committee will begin to shift their focus towards the village of Minden, with hopes of creating a similar map that will help to outline key routes in the area, and will hopefully encourage people to partake in outdoor activities and experience the wonders of their community first-hand.

"Basically our message is to park the car and get moving," she says.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

You don't need to feel powerless

IN A SMALL TOWN where everyone knows one another, one death can take on monumental proportions. So when we listen to the news about thousands dying in an earthquake or millions dying of AIDS, the tragedy is so overwhelming that we simply can't absorb its impact. Faced with such tremendous grief we are rendered powerless.

But are we? A group of Minden women is setting out to prove that we as individuals in a small, closeknit community can reach out across the world to do something, anything, to help other women whose lives have been thrown upside down by the AIDS pandemic. Rather than just listen to the news about the millions of children in Africa whose parents have died, they've decided to do something about it. They're not volunteering to work in an orphanage in Africa, or foregoing any of the pleasures that we are so accustomed to in the west. Instead, they are using their formidable energies and empathy to raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

As the UN's former special envoy to Africa, Lewis found hope in the women of this continent ravaged by AIDS. In the women he found the salvation of a people. Left to cope with the devastating impact of AIDS, and not involved in the politics that so often hamper any efforts to effect meaningful change, women are the ones who can best rescue Africa, Lewis argues. And it's women in other countries who can help them.

An afternoon of Christmas music at Jessie Pflug's bed and breakfast overlooking Halls Lake might not seem like a powerful weapon to fight the AIDS pandemic but when taken as part of a larger whole, its impact can have positive repercussions. The event will raise money to send to the grandmothers in Africa who are raising children whose parents have died of AIDS. By helping these grandmothers cope with such a burden, local residents are empowering these women and making their task less overwhelming. Will going to the event save a life? No. But it will achieve two important goals. It will make the lives of children who have already suffered so much a little bit better and it will prove that we in the affluent Western countries are not helpless when it comes to responding to such a crisis. Doing something matters. Doing nothing means that nothing will change.

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The Community in Action committee wants to help Minden enhance its outdoor appeal. By encouraging people to get outside and walk along the river, for instance, it will help Minden give visitors the impression that they are welcome to join in the fun. Some of the enhancements are simple ones; others, such as a pedestrian bridge, are more complex. But all are welcome.

This is a beautiful village. Discover it for yourself by parking the car and taking a little stroll.

Martha Perkins

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Slow down and enjoy the trees

To The Editor:

I'll admit that I am a 'tree-hugger'. Yesterday, November 13, when I saw all the trees, large and small, chopped down, and lined along the side of Deep Bay Road, I was very upset! Stomping into the house, grabbing my camera, I took pictures and then phoned the county roads department.

I was directed to Doug Ray, operations manager. He was very patient in explaining the reasons for cutting these trees and brush along the side of the road.

"It makes it easier for the drivers to see. People are walking and biking; homeowners are backing out of their driveways. Little trees grow into big trees," he said, "It is easier to cut while they are young".

I felt sad seeing a perfectly small fir tree chopped, waiting to enter the jaws of the mulching machine. That little tree would have become a 'big' tree and if a car driving extremely fast lost control, and smashed into it... yes, I do understand.

We feel that speed is being encouraged along this winding country road. We cannot believe how fast the cars are driving

by our property. More and more homes with children and pets are being built along here. Many sections of the road should be classed as residential. The road is becoming a mini Highway 401.

If Minden Hills is cutting these trees for safety, the speed limit should be cut back, too. We also need some Slow Down signs and signs with Fines for Littering!

At the beginning of Deep Bay Road, just past McMahon's Feed Store, the speed sign reads 70 km. The Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest Seniors Home are in this 70 km zone. Rather strange for a hospital district, don't you think? On nice days we have seen agile seniors and seniors with walkers stroll along the road to the village.

We implore our new council to think seriously about lowering the speed limit on Deep Bay Road before someone is killed. We have stopped the enjoyable walks with our little dog on this road. It is not safe!

Sonya and Mike Proctor
Deep Bay Road (2 km from town)

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Marketing 101

THE OTHER DAY I was driving home and listening to the radio. Suddenly, I had an experience that altered the way I think. It happened right after another '80s power ballad had bit the dust. That's when a commercial advertising, I kid you not, The Gentle Vasectomy Clinic, hit the airways.

My first thought was, "Talk about marketing geniuses!" And, it's true, these people are on the ball. Or at least close to it.

I'll say it now: if that company went public, I would invest in them. No matter how much better their rivals, The Excruciatingly Painful Vasectomy Clinic or Mad Mike's Vasectomy World, might be there's just something in the name Gentle Vasectomy Clinic that makes me want to put all my eggs in that basket. Okay, poor choice of words, but I think you know what I mean.

All I'm saying is that whoever is in charge of corporate advertising obviously did their homework. They've got a catch phrase I'll remember.

Most likely, they corralled a reluctant

focus group of fully functional males and asked, "What do you want in a vasectomy?" The answer, no doubt, was summarized by one word - gentle.

Hence the name.

But it still took guts to do this. Let's face it, we men do not like the word gentle in most of our advertising. We do not even like the implication of gentle. If someone advertised gentle power tools, they'd be bankrupt in a week. The same goes for beer. Who wants to drink Molson's Express Your Inner Child Light? No one, that's who.

But, just as the good people at the clinic suspected, when it comes to the word gentle, vasectomies are the notable exception. I can think of no other word I want in front of that surgical procedure. Except perhaps, unnecessary.

Up till that point, I never considered getting a vasectomy at all. But heck, now

I'm excited! In fact it's got me thinking, why stop at one? And that's the point of good advertising isn't it? To sell me

something I never considered buying in the first place.

I can just imagine it now. There I am soaking in a warm bubble bath while Japanese harp music plays softly in the background and lavender incense wafts upon the warm air. Cool cucumber slices sit on my eyes as a specially trained message therapist caresses my newly exfoliated brow. Then, unbeknownst to me, a crack surgical team of ex-Navy SEALs slips into the tub under cover of fog causing barely a ripple, and uses

GPS coordinates to infiltrate the objective. Once there, they snip and crimp whatever needs snipping and crimping. Minutes later, they're back on the extraction helicopter before I even realize that the job's been done. It's that gentle!

In fact, my only worry is that the proce-

sure is not too gentle. I mean what's the point of surgery if you can't show people your scars?

Now I might be a little off base here; I haven't got the brochure yet. But there's no doubt in my mind that everyone at the clinic smiles and whistles all day long, even the ex-Navy SEALs. Why else name it as they did?

And I'm glad for them too. Heck, this cannot be an easy job for the medical staff at that clinic. Day in and day out, they are handling body parts that, let's face it, are not exactly attractive. Most people would rather not deal with. And that includes their owners. They deserve to smile.

In a way, this clinic also presents a good argument against our Canadian system of socialized medicine. Heck, these people have devoted time and money that the public sector simply doesn't have. It's gone into advertising, customer service, and patient comfort.

Yes, if you ask me, vasectomies are perfectly suited for the privates sector.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Here's a distinct society for you

Old Delahanty,
Interim Secretary,
Provisional Government,
Duchy of Horned Grebe.

Michael Ignatieff,
Leadership Candidate,
Liberal Party of Canada,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mike:

First of all, I want to thank you for coming all the way from Harvard just to show us how to run our country. We never would have worked it out on our own.

The tearoom at the Sapsucker Arms has been all agog at your talk of recognizing Quebec as a nation. We are wondering whether, so long as you are nation-building, you could build one for us too.

We here in what used to be Horned Grebe Township think that our society is about as distinct as you are likely to find anywhere, which is why our movers and shakers have formed a provisional government.

We started with a petition asking Ontario to help pay for the sewage treatment plant it says we have to build. Dalton looked at how many votes we have up here, and who we cast them for in the last election, and then he just

laughed and laughed and laughed.

So Florence Terwilliger suggested we set up a Committee for An Independent Horned Grebe and things sort of evolved. After a while, we decided to form a provisional government.

Young Foster McDevitt, our Progressive Conservative candidate in the last federal election, took the bus to New York to file an application with the United Nations. Just between you and me, we're hoping for a seat on the Security Council.

We've only just begun but already we have some talking points. For example:

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE -

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) will have a

desk, two chairs, a filing cabinet, and a waste-basket. The man behind the desk will lick his own stamps; there will be no consultants or advisors or communications directors and the legislature will pick him instead of the other way around.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY - The national holiday will be on the first Monday of November, which just happens to be the first day of the deer hunt. It will lead to two weeks of celebration by everybody

but the deer.

BORDER CROSSING - Anybody driving a pickup truck or a car with rust spots bigger than a dinner plate or any vehicle with Willie Nelson playing on the tape deck will be waved through without inspection. Volvos will be disassembled on the spot and their owners left to put them back together by themselves.

AGRICULTURE - Agents will check clearings in the woods for marijuana and if there isn't any, why, they'll plant some. We expect pot to be our leading cash crop, just as it is now, and our most important export.

ANIMAL CONTROL - Our pets

will be in control. Every family will be required to have a dog that likes to lie on its side and have its tummy rubbed. Every boy will be required to take the family dog for a walk after school and get home just in time for dessert. The Brown Dog Jigs is in charge of this file.

NATIONAL BIRD - The mosquito will be the national bird. Nit-pickers will argue that mosquitoes are insects, not birds, but they've never seen our mosqui-



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Editorial on downloading rewrites history

To the Editor:

My, my, how Bryn Weese's editorial in the November 1 issue changes history. It is bad enough to be subjected to a Conservative rant in your paper when we visit the cottage, but when the facts of history are re-written it is time to speak up.

Weese wrote, as a basis for his/her argument about federal versus provincial or municipal responsibilities, that federal government jurisdiction, "as intended by

the fathers of confederation", includes matters of "foreign affairs, national defense or inter-provincial relations", and Ottawa's true role was intended by those fathers "never meant to be anything more".

First, to argue that roles for our three levels of government need to remain static for 150 years is ridiculous, and fine tuning would of course be more expected. I would argue that responsibility for more of the larger, universal and expensive services should actually be moving

upward, not down. For instance, much of the mess municipalities find themselves in today would have been averted if the Mike Harris provincial Tories hadn't downloaded provincially (and nationally) significant services like social services and housing to the municipal level, where we now use property taxes to try and fund the poor.

Second, the intent of confederation and uniting the provinces included communications and transportations across Canada, to provide equalization among

the provinces' markets, products and opportunities that were considered universal. So indeed, CAP make sense at a national level. (Weese's position was that the province should fund it.)

In sum, I would appreciate your leaving the political lecture out of your editorial comment section. Especially when your knowledge of history is scant.

Lynda Wood,
Haliburton

Only a judge can open ballots: Municipal Affairs

from page 1

Toronto-based company that provided the dual envelope voting kits, was "a real jackass thing to do. It was done to save money and it didn't work."

Both Highlands East and Minden Hills used DataFix voting kits resulting in approximately 21 and 23 per cent of their mail-in ballots spoiled respectively. In comparison, the municipality of Dysart et al used the voter kit provided by Canada Post and had only two per cent of their ballots spoiled. The latter voting kit is said to be foolproof, utilizing a clear window envelope which cannot be mailed unless all instructions are followed precisely.

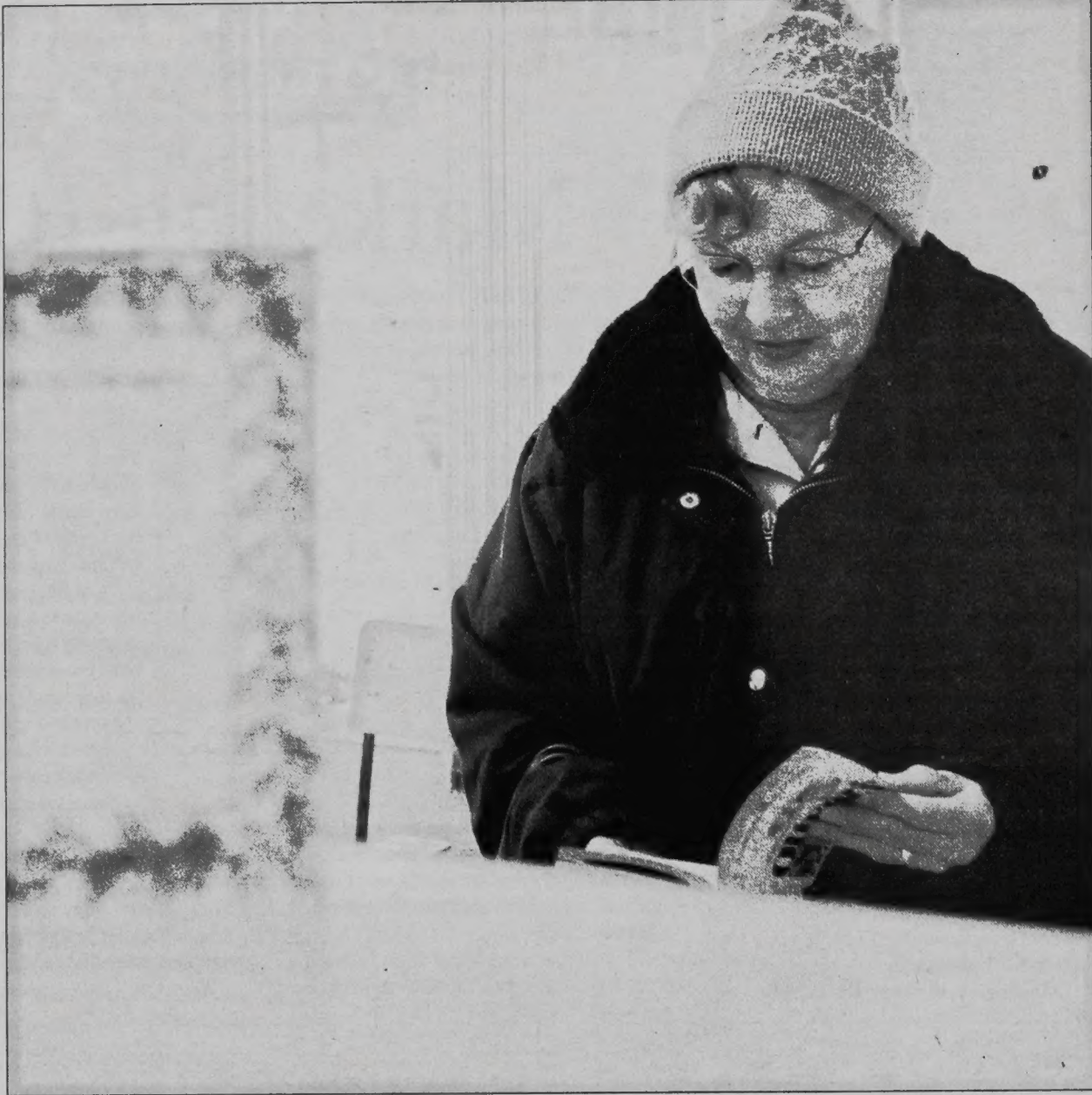
Schell admits she is also concerned about spoiled ballots but says that at this time, her priority is a recount. "I lost by a very narrow margin and our ballot was counted by hand. I owe it to my supporters and myself. I don't mind losing but I want to know that I've lost fairly."

She adds, "Several taxpayers and candidates, winning and losing, are concerned and considering how to deal with the issue of rejected ballots."

Minden Hills confirmed that while 3,941 votes were registered, 937 Minden Hills ballots were rejected. The reasons for rejection included failure to enclose or sign declarations or incorrect placement of them inside the secrecy envelope, which is meant only for the ballot. Municipal officials cannot open the secrecy envelope to count the vote without first seeing a signed declaration.

At this time, Minden Hills cannot open those ballots. Chief Administrative Officer Gerry Morrison says "Municipal Affairs has informed us that the only party who can direct and have those ballots opened is a judge."

Wessell and Schell have 30 days, not 90 as previously reported, after the municipal clerk has given final vote count to apply for a recount.



Casey Lessard/TIMES

Food for thought

Hazel Oliver of Miner's Bay was one of the customers at Saturday's book sale at the Minden Food Bank. The event was a fundraiser for the food bank so it can buy food and give more selection to clients. "I'm looking for a certain book," Oliver said, "Hers the Kingdom. But I haven't found it yet. I'll keep looking."

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Grandmothers unite to help women in Africa

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

Though they may live half a world away, a group of Minden grandmothers has banded together and extended a collective hand to their African counterparts.

Mickey Bonham, Cathy McLean, Sandy Valentine, Jessie Pflug, Donna Colby and Sue Reid are the founding members of the Minden Grandmothers Group, and their aim is to assist African women struggling to raise their grandchildren who have been orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

With an estimated 13 million children having lost their parents as a result of HIV/AIDS, grandmothers in Africa have stepped into the breach. On a daily basis they are burying their own children and caring for their grandchildren — sometimes up to 15 or 20 per household, and as the death rate accelerates, African communities are finding it harder and harder to cope.

This led Canada's Stephen Lewis Foundation to establish the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" campaign earlier this year in support of Africa's unsung heroes. To date, there are nearly 100 Grandmothers groups across Canada.

Bonham, who spearheaded the initiative locally, says she was so inspired by the international AIDS conference (which was held in Toronto this past



Greg Hoekstra/TIMES

Sandy Valentine, Sue Reid, Jessie Pflug, Cathy McLean, Mickey Bonham, and Donna Colby are founding members of the Minden Grandmothers Group. Over the coming months the group will be fundraising to assist African grandmothers caring for grandchildren who were orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

August) that she knew she could no longer sit idly by and ignore the devastation occurring each day in Africa.

"I just feel that there is a real need, and I was tired of not doing anything," she says. "This campaign is a fantastic way to help because when there are 100 groups across the country, it really adds up."

Between the six Minden grandmothers there are 23

grandchildren. As Bonham points out, some women in Africa are currently raising that many children on their own, under one single roof, which is why it is so important for Canadians to send their support.

"I think that all of us are really fortunate as grandmothers so we'd just like to share some of our good fortune with them," she says. "Our hope is that we can raise awareness amongst the

kind people of Minden... We just felt that there may be people here that would like to help with this problem."

Of course, raising awareness is only the first step, with the second being fundraising. The first such local event is set to take place at the Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast in Halls Lake from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 17.

The event is being dubbed "A

Joyous Christmas Afternoon" and will feature some of the grandmothers' home-baked goodies, refreshments, and musical performances by the Tri-Vocals (Ellie Malcomson, Jessie Pflug and Chris Archer), Holly Archer, Dave Hawley on clarinet, and accompanying vocals by Melissa Stephens.

This coming spring, the group also plans to hold a raffle for prizes, including a lap quilt handmade by Sue Reid and an authentic African sculpture and painting donated by Sandy Valentine. The final draw for the prizes will take place on Canada Day.

The Grandmothers are also planning to hold a "rainy day sale" which will consist of items that could come in useful during those wet weather days when you're stuck inside the house or cottage (think CDs, DVDs, videos, games, and toys). Anyone who would like to donate items for the sale, or anyone looking for more information on the group is encouraged to contact Mickey Bonham at (705) 286-2198.

"It may be called a Grandmothers Group, but it's open to everyone," says Bonham. "You can be a friend of a grandmother, be married to a grandmother, or even have a grandmother."

Those looking for more information about the world's response to the AIDS crisis are asked to visit the Stephen Lewis Foundation website at www.stephenlewisfoundation.org.

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- * Representatives from the Community

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- * Resident of the area of jurisdiction of the Board
- * Over 18 years of age
- * Not an Employee of TLDSB
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Interested persons are asked to respond, in writing, by Thursday, November 30th, 2006 outlining their eligibility, experience and interest in Special Education to:

Ms. Shelley Mierle - Superintendent of Program
Trillium Lakelands District School Board
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Minden teen is turning Japanese

by MHAIRI TREHARNE
Rotary Exchange Student

I have been in Osaka, Japan since the end of August. At first all I could say about Japan was that I felt that I was on a different planet. Now I can relate more to Japan. I don't even have to really think about the things I do everyday, it's all part of my routine. But even though my perception has adjusted for Japan, it is still so difficult to relate and keep in touch with Canada. You can't remain in a certain state of mind when you are becoming Japanese.

Sometimes people and things remind me so much of Haliburton County it's scary. You wouldn't understand how much so until you see them. But I haven't once wanted to turn around and go home. I am so extremely happy with what I am doing here. However, what I doing and where I am doing it shock me sometimes. It still sometimes doesn't seem real.

I am a 16-year-old freckle-faced redhead, the only redhead, in the middle of a "small" Japanese town of 360...THOUSAND people.

Every Sunday I usually go to Kyoto with another exchange student and check out the temples that are around 1,000 years old. I sometimes can't bring myself to even take pictures. My camera gives absolutely nothing justice here.

Nothing stays the same in Japan. Even in the middle of Kyoto, it's always moving. It's a very different energy from Haliburton County.

Everything here is thanks to the Rotary Club and my community in Canada, and my family and friends. I



Mhairi Treharne's host mother in Japan is a specialist in the Japanese tea ceremony. Here is the Minden teen, in her "sailor fuku" school uniform, sitting on a tatami (rush matting) in front a traditional tea ceremony table.

couldn't be here without the support of so many people around the world, really. I am always close to support here. I feel safe and I never feel alone.

Japanese people are very kind people. They love foreigners. I know that if I get lost or in trouble Japanese people never hesitate to help or try their English. I feel always secure in my town. Every weekend I venture to another city or so and my orientation and navigation skills improve all the time. This adds to my freedom here in Japan. If I plan a route...I can go anywhere.

I have been to Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe so far and I will go to Hokkaido in October. Osaka is a recently rebuilt

city. Kobe is much more open and planned, and less crowded. Kyoto is what Japan would have been without WWI. It still remains as it was before and is extremely beautiful. Kyoto is also full of foreigners or gaijin like me. When I go, I often get asked if I am lost or need help, as it appears that way, especially if I am alone.

Many things that I found amusing before I have now become accustomed to. Like the plastic display food, the rush-hour on trains, the humidity, the sunsets, the umbrellas, the really small cars, the Chinese characters, the trippy toilets, the seafood, the bowing, the temples in the

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I would also like to thank former Reeve Ross Rigney and Councillor Ron Buchanan for their mentoring and assistance.

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Red hair attracts attention in Japan

from page 10

middle of metropolis, the ceremony-in-everything, the neon lights, the bicycles, the impossible layout of buildings, the school uniforms, the slippers, the kimono, the festivals, the vending machines, the pachinko arcades, the love hotels, the history, the mangas, the royal family, the business suits, the green tea all the time, the fashion, art...everything is intense here.

I get a lot of attention. But I think it's just all just honest curiosity, especially in my city. I don't live in a tourist town so I am a real oddity here. My hair gets touched a lot and my eyes get checked out. My freckles also attract interest. It is never really abrupt so it's really benign. It's really cute with the kids on my street. They stop playing ball and act all shy. They are so cute. I always get special little nods from the obasan on my street (the old ladies).

The standard of beauty is very much based on looking foreign, which is really too bad. Many Japanese girls change their hair and makeup to look foreign, but they really don't need to. They cannot get more perfect than what they are.

In Canada I have always looked young for my age. Here I look about 18. Japanese people age really slowly, and look young much longer. Cute is better here. It is not uncommon for a Japanese woman to carry around a Mickey Mouse bag well into her 30s.

Anyone who knows me knows that I have problems with the sun, and I avoid it. But Japanese women make an art out of it. They cover every single inch with u.v. proof stocking things and scarves and umbrellas, all in attempt to remain white.

The food is really healthy here, but it is difficult to explain to most Canadians and give it justice. I have raw egg on rice and Nato every day for breakfast. Lots of tofu in many forms, fish, rice, noodles, and eggs and mushrooms, and pickles. I am pretty good with my chopsticks now. But I still manage to break a few of the countless manners.

My host mother is a Sado sensei, or tea ceremony teacher. Tea ceremony is so beautiful. It is very Japanese. It's the art of preparing, and drinking powdered green tea for guests. It's very zen and it's all about tradition and grace. Most Japanese girls don't know tea ceremony so I am lucky to be introduced to it. I will be performing it in full kimono in November. I have to know it well because I will be working with priceless ancient bowls and Japanese laquerware tables, wearing a silk kimono...no spills.

If you ever go to Japan, you have to see a real tea ceremony. It's the most graceful spiritual ceremony you will see. It is so beautiful on so many levels. Nothing has touched me more than Sado in Japan. I love the fact that you will be welcomed into something like this no matter where you are from.

I am beginning to be able to make real connections with people. Japanese people are really friendly to Canadians. I am never too far from Canada though. One of the English teachers in my school is from North Bay.

I go to an all-girls school. It's incredibly small for Japan, so more like the same as Haliburton school. It's really easy to make friends here, although sometimes I

am at a loss as to what is going on. A smile goes really far when you don't know what is going on.

The girls get really excited during English class when I give a little presentation on Canada. They ask questions like, "Do you ride moose in Canada?" and "Do you own summer clothes?" The best is explaining to the girls about my school in Canada. How we have a lake in front of it, how we have a forest behind it, and two open air sports fields. How we can walk across the lake in winter and use snowmobiles. That just blows their mind here.

My school has six floors and on top of the gym there is a full-size swimming pool. Space is a premium.

I have been corrected on a couple assumptions about Japan so far. I thought Japanese people were incredible efficient, fast people, and at 16 they are at school six days a week and cram at school and follow rules religiously. I was a little worried. But in truth, nothing gets done fast here. They negotiate to decide on anything. It is good because everybody is content; it's a different concept to Canada. As for the students, they walk all over the teachers and sleep, and straighten their hair during class. Mysteriously they seem so get more accomplished.

Before I left Canada people were always asking me if I was scared. But day to day I still don't know of what. I have learned to deal with stress a lot more. But other than that, fear should never be part of your life here. Language problems become easier but if you can see past immediate stress there is nothing to fear in the world. I've got more important things to do... like seeing as much as possible and doing more.

All the best to everyone in my year in high school, the new Grade 12s! Thinking of Haliburton County, from the Land of the rising sun, Mhairi.

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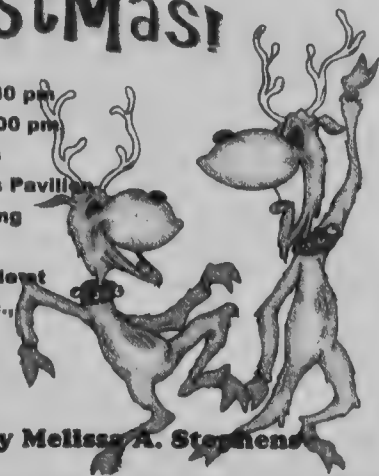
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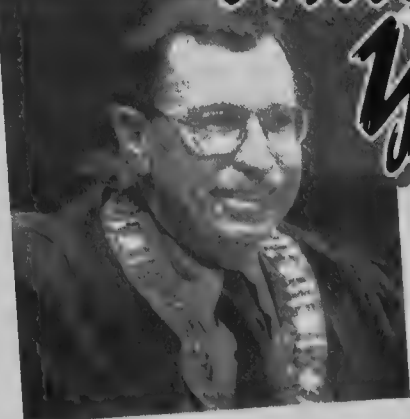
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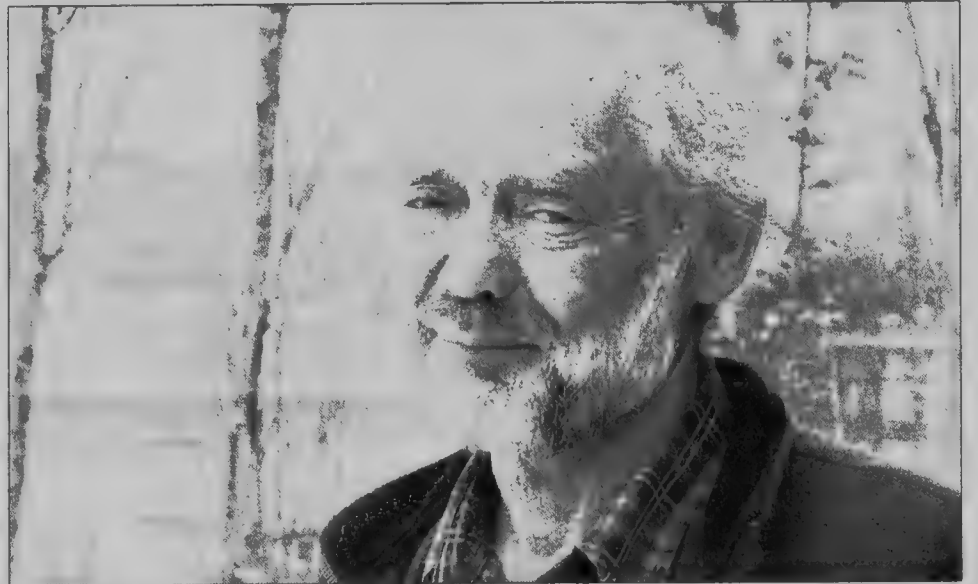
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Peter Brogden received the Ontario Trail Council's Trail User award for his work with the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club.

Ski club can't wait for snow

by PETER BROGDEN
Times Staff

I felt greatly honoured to receive the Ontario Trail Council's Trail Users award on behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club's many years of encouraging people to use our winter trails. This is now on display at the clubhouse in Glebe Park.

If you visit the park on winter Saturday afternoons you will see why this award is richly deserved with many young kids enjoying the Jack Rabbit and racer development programs. The Ski Club's volunteers have done much more over the Club's 30 years. In particular I remember the Ontario secondary school races in 1998 and 1999, which, with as many as 800 participants, were among the largest race events in North America. We have also hosted Ontario university races with great success, testifying to the club's and H.H. Nordic Trails Association's commitment to creating a truly challenging race course.

Glebe Park is only one part of the ski trail network that the club and Nordic Trails Association maintains. There is a Mid-week Ski Group who try to visit all of the six different sets of ski trails that the Ski Club's annual membership covers. The group meets regularly on Tuesdays from January to March, and hopefully the weather will cooperate to give us six good Tuesdays to get to them all.

Of last year's highlights, I remember a truly happy day at YMCA Wanakita. A large school group was booked and there was fresh snow so the trails had been groomed that morning and were beautiful. Also, they had just completed a new heated cabin for skiers, so we were able eat our lunches in comfort after an invigorating ski tour. This year we can look forward to lunching at the newly built Deer Trail shelter at the Frost Centre trails, right at the other extreme end of the Ski Club's network. Detailed maps to the network can be picked up at many resorts, lodges, and stores in Haliburton and Minden and from Trails and Tours office in Carnarvon.

The club also hosts moonlight ski outings. This winter the full moons happen at month starts and what we really need are clear nights. We had just that in February last year and small group enjoyed the quiet calm of Moosewoods trails, returning, of course, to the warm cabin at the end. Maybe New Year's Day will be just as perfect.

Watch for all the news and other information on the club website www.skihaliburton.com. You can download the current newsletter and membership application form or call the membership secretary, Joleen Thomas, 15582 Hwy 35, RR2 Minden, ON K0M 2K0, 489-4850. Please note that the membership rates of \$80 (individual) and \$150 (family) increase on December 15 to \$90 and \$160.

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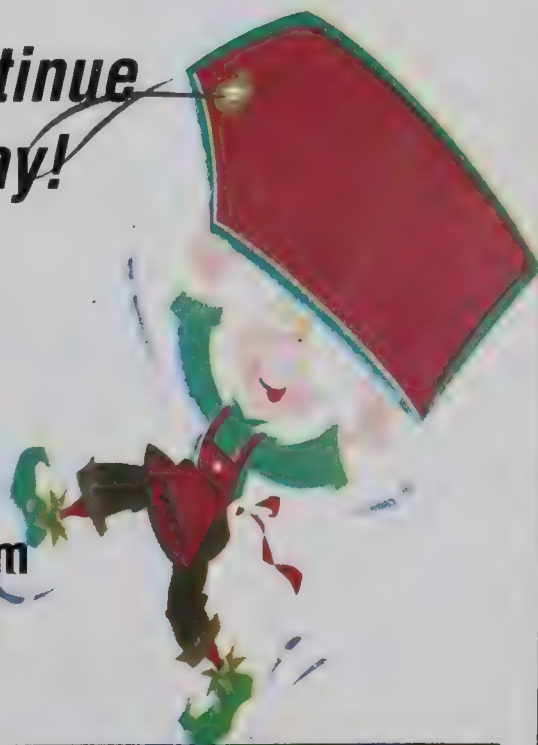
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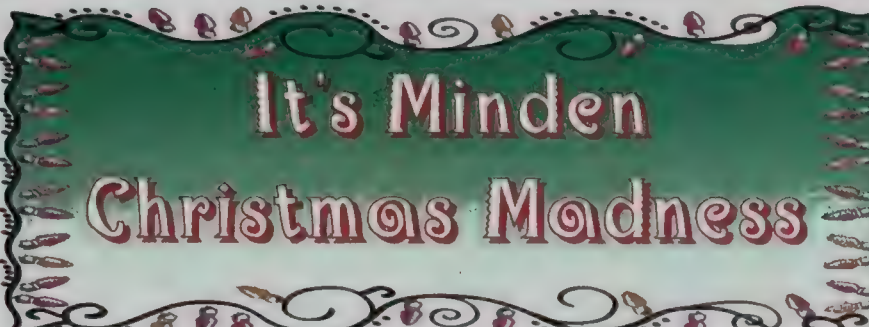
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The Welcome Wagon comes to Minden to welcome all

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Welcome Wagon is hitching itself to Minden and Haliburton.

Debbie Swanson has recently become the organization's representative in the Highlands.

Right now she is contacting businesses who might want to become part of the program that provides welcoming baskets of products and coupons to a wide variety of people: newcomers to the area, new businesses and new parents and grandparents.

The businesses provide the gifts and she provides the welcome. All people have to do is phone her to say their new to the area and she'll arrive at their door with items donated by local businesses, a local business directory as well as information about all the services in the Highlands.

Swanson expects that once the program gets underway, she'll be making five to six visits a month.



Joanne Bancroft, right, welcomes Debbie Swanson to the new office of the Minden Times. In the new year Swanson will start visiting other new businesses and residents as the local Welcome Wagon representative.

Local projects help earn awards

Innovative and sustainable projects in Haliburton County earned recognition for Fleming College at the sixth annual Wood WORKS! Awards, held in Toronto last month.

The college was selected to receive the "Building the Future" wood champion award for its consistency in promoting a sustainable wood culture in its new buildings, including the new Haliburton Campus and the recently opened Sustainable Living Centre at the Kinark Outdoor Centre near Minden. The new technology wing at Fleming's Peterborough campus was also recognized for its creative use of timber.

According to the Canadian Wood Council (the organization that hosts the Wood WORKS! Awards), the "Building the Future" wood champion award recognizes individuals or institutions that stand out as an advocate for wood and demonstrate a significant or ongoing commitment to the use of wood.

The Sustainable Living Centre, which officially opened in August, features eastern white cedar roof shingles, cordwood masonry columns made with scraps and off-cuts, and hemlock log roof rafters, made from logs that were found on-site or were donated by the Haliburton Forest.

Students designed and built the 1,200 square-foot Sustainable Welcoming Centre, located near Minden, Ontario, as part of their curriculum in the intensive 20-week Sustainable Building Design and Construction program. The building is constructed with renewable and recycled materials – including straw bales – and uses solar energy as a power source.

Fleming College was the first college in Canada to offer the innovative program, which involves the design of structures using green, natural or sustainable building methods, technologies and materials and renewable energy resources. In 2005, students built the Haliburton 4C's Food Bank and Lily Ann Thrift Store.

Frost Campus Principal Blane Harvey and Sustainable Building Design and Construction Program Coordinator Chris Magwood accepted the wood champion award on behalf of the college at a ceremony on October 16.

Fleming Training Officer Ted Brandon, Sustainable Building graduates Ali Lam and David Elfstrom, Kinark director Jim McHardy were all on hand for the awards ceremony, as well as Jonathan King and Donald Schmitt, who worked as architects during construction of the Haliburton campus.

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Watching the Santa Claus Parade turn south onto Toronto's University Avenue once again brought back a flood of good memories. With our dad overseas it was mom who every year bundled the three of us up and off we went by streetcar to wonder at the floats, bands, hand-walking clowns and, of course, Santa himself. Afterwards before heading home we would walk over to the Fred Victor Mission to donate a dollar towards its Christmas dinner. In today's terms it seems such a small amount but not back then in the early forties.

In our town the Kinmount and District Lions Club's Angel Trees and food donation boxes are now at local businesses waiting to be filled with unwrapped new toys and non-perishable food items for area families. Here is a wonderful opportunity to brighten someone else's Christmas and make a memory of your own.

The Kawartha Treble Troop Children's Chorus will be featured this Friday, November 24 at the Galway Hall for an evening of seasonal musical favourites starting at 7:30 p.m.. For added enjoyment a Christmas-themed Loonie Auction is planned along with homemade desserts and coffee. Tickets for this special event sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling Diane at 488-2635.

Plan now to join friends and neighbours at the Kinmount Railroad Station on Thursday night, December 7, at 7 p.m. as our giant community Christmas tree is lit up to celebrate Christmas Lights Across Canada. Rumour [from a usually reliable source] has it that Santa Claus will be dropping by for cookies and hot chocolate with all the children and the young at heart.

Please note that this year's Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by the Kinmount Legion and the K.C.P. & E.D., will be held on Sunday, December 17 starting at 2 p.m. Floats should marshal at Timbermart shortly after 1 p.m. and new floats would be most welcomed. For more information contact the Legion at 488-3462.



AROUND THE TOWN

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Speaking of the Legion for all you Big Bucks Bid Euchre fans here are the results from November 15. In first was Thelma Francis then Jesse Barlow and Vera Hicks while Dana Briscoe held the hidden score. Please note the date change for this popular monthly event to Wednesday, December 13 starting at 11 a.m. at the Legion.

The Kinmount Business Association will be holding its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10 at the Legion starting at 7 p.m.. Tom Lang advises that this year's event is open to all those involved in business activities. For more information give him a call at 488-2211.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 14 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the high scores was Marcel Roussel 300 with Eileen Shepstone 292 second and Tom Grix 290 third. Kevin Maloney, Tom Grix, Marcel Roussel and Elli Langpohl took the moonshots while Edith Burch and Tom Grix along with Margaret and George Bull held hidden scores. Thanks to Jean Scadden for this update.

November 14 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Pearl Cowen reports that in first place was the duo of Grace Berardi and Sandy Poulton at 376 then Laura Carnegie teamed with Jim Meadows 329. Colleen Davison and Ken Boldt placed third at 276 while Flo Roussel and Belle Walker took the afternoon's low with 201 points.

November 14 euchre at Gelert Hall: Lone hand honours went to Dorothy McElwain with Betty Hicks high lady and Gala Newell low. For the gents Don Curry was high and Hazel Benetin low with Rick McElwain winning the draw.

November 14 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were four Slams, two by Jan Heaven first with Edith Kolarek

and then with husband Dave Heaven. Edith Kolarek also had a second Slam with Gloria Moore and Ev Morgan partnered with Ross Davies took the fourth. Gloria Moore led the scoring at 6060 followed by Edith Kolarek 5620, Ev Morgan 5320 and Bruce Armstrong 5260. Kelly Metcalf won the lucky draw, Muriel McIntosh the Shiny Penny and Gloria Moore took home the S.O.A.R. Award as everyone agreed She's On A Roll.

November 15 contract bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South top spot went to Judy Neimann and Bill Sandford at 59% with Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf second at 55%. Over in East/West Howie Ryan and Bruce Armstrong were first at 66% then Elva Robinson partnered with Freda Norman at 57%.

November 15 bid euchre at Stanhope: Dick Coffey had a single moonshot with Jack Cox taking three. John Grimbergen led the whites at 259 with Stan Dutka next at 254 and Norm Mark 231 third. First for the pinks at 303 was Marj Coffey then our reporter Gala Stamp 269 and Marnie Butler 250.

November 15 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: Lady luck was with Theresa Deak while Marcy Morgan recorded the lady's low. For the gents Harold Harvie was high and Mike St. Thomas low. Mildred St. Thomas was a double winner taking both lone hands and the draw.

November 17 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Muriel and Doug McIntosh were first with an impressive 74%. In second place at 54% was the duo of Joan Galley and Elva Robinson then Margo Davidson and Norma Crewson third at 52%.

November 17 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter June Branning, for lone hands Pearl Cowen, for low hands Helen Skelding and for the draw prize Hazel Dorman.

November 17 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshot trio members were Dick Coffey, Linda Voycey and George Bye. with Garth Windsor holding the hidden score of 162.

see EUCHRE page 19

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Euchre games heat up Kinmount

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Topping the pinks was Jean Randell at 285 followed by Betty Wagar 239 and Clara Miscio 210. First for the whites was Tom Macartney 286 then Stan Dutka 281 and Chris Clarke 221.

November 18 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Isobel Cherwenka, Pat Roussel and Edith Burch had single moonshots with Pearl Cowen taking two. Leading the whites was June Branning at 239 with Bev Johnson next at 236 and Pat Bailey 216 third. For the pinks it was Isobel Cherwenka first at 302, Emily Harvie second at 235 and Pearl Cowen third at 217 while Marcel Roussel, Elli Langpohl and Gala Stamp won the draws.

November 20 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen along with our reporter Tim Sharpe. High hands were recorded by Laura Carnegie and Bill Mosley with Lois Adamson and Ken Rowden tallying up the afternoon's lows. Mabel Deacon uncovered the hidden score while Verna McDonald and Lorna Hicks took home the special prizes. Lorna accompanied by Gwen Cox also received a visit from the striped, furry one.

November 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top spot went to Theresa Deak followed by Marjorie Paradis and Tom Grix. Marjorie also took the only moonshot of the day with Phyllis Windsor winning the draw.

November 20 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Bev Johnson won for high hands, Barb Callaghan for lone hands, Doreen French for low hands and Pat Bailey for the draw again.

November 20 cribbage at the Minden Legion: In first was Pat Scadden with Don Burch second and Lorna Hicks third. The draws winners were Sharon Atkinson, Gwen Cox and Joe Rivers.

November 20 euchre at Club 35: Helen Windsor claimed the lone hand honours while husband Garth [our trusted reporter] won the bologna. High scores were recorded by Linda Voycey and Harry Randell while Ann McIvor and Ray Sisson had the evening's lows. Congratulations from all at Club 35 go to Verna Sawyer and Alvin Cowen who took home special prizes.



Christmas comes early

St. Paul's Anglican Church held its annual Poinsettia lunch last Friday to raise funds for the church.

Top: Pastor Riscylla Shaw and Bob McIvor share a few laughs while enjoying their lunch.

Left: Lois Adamson, sometimes known as the "queen bee" of St. Paul's kitchen, dishes out a piping hot bowl of homemade soup.

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Anyone interested – businesses, organizations, and individuals – is asked to donate a decorated tree, wreath or centerpiece. The museum hopes this will be a fun idea for your staff or friends to do. The decorations can have the potential to promote your business, if you choose to.

The decorated items will be on display for silent bidding at the Christmas Craft Sale, December 2 and 3 at the Minden Community Centre. They will be taken to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for additional viewing and bidding. The auction results will be announced December 9 at the Child's Christmas in Wales pageant.

The museum would appreciate an answer as soon as possible so it can go ahead with its plans. The completed piece (tree, wreath or centerpiece) needs to be delivered to the Community Centre on Friday, December 1 between 3 and 7 p.m..

Aboriginal theme opens Razzamataz season

Razzamataz Kids Shows open its new season on Sunday, November 26 with a compelling theatre dance piece by Red Sky Performance.

"Raven Stole the Sun" is a traditional Tlingit story featuring the trickster Raven who transforms himself and comes up with a brilliant scheme for stealing the stars, the moon, and the sun and ends up bringing light to the people of the world. This outstanding story provides family audiences with a unique opportunity to experience the cultural diversity and spirit of Aboriginal peoples through theatre, dance, mask and music. The show begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

The Razzamataz season continues on Sunday, February 4 with "The Wizard of Oz" presented by Erewon Theatre. This presentation of the well-loved classic blends music, theatrical techniques, fabulous sets, props, magical tricks and participation from children in the audience.

On Sunday, March 4 Splash n'Boots will get parents and children dancing, singing and laughing with "The Next Generation of Children's Music."

The season closes on Sunday, April 22 at YMCA Camp

Wanakita with "Little Big Frog" by Faustwork Mask Theatre. This morality play features puppets, masks, and physical comedy while encouraging us to search for and accept our own true nature.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. You may wish to consider a season pass which offers substantial savings at only \$20 for all four shows.

Razzamataz continues to be able to offer quality children's entertainment at affordable prices with the generous support of sponsors: Curry Motors, Haliburton and District Lions Club, Haliburton IGA, Patient News Publishing, Ridgewood Ford Sales Limited, Haliburton Rotary Club, Floyd Hall Insurance Limited, YMCA Camp Wanakita, The Rotary Club of Minden, Minden Pharmasave, J.A.C. Kernohan Construction Limited and an anonymous sponsor. Razzamataz also receives support from the Ontario Arts Council and donations from Dollo's IGA, Master's Book Store, and Del Sharp Electric.

For more information about the season, check out www.razzamataz.ca. Tickets and season passes can be purchased at the door or by calling Amy Klose at 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett at 286-4511.

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The deadline for applications to the County of Haliburton is November 30, 2006.
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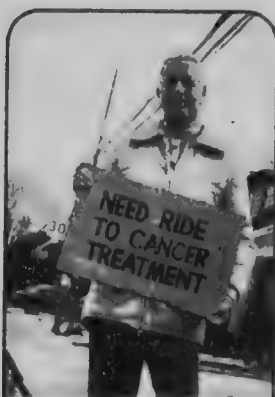


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Beautiful male husky found at That Place in Carnarvon



STANHOPE LIFE

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Sue Yallop, proprietor of the restaurant, That Place in Carnarvon, thought she saw a wolf streak across the parking lot about 9:15 last Saturday evening. All their customers had just left so she ventured another look and opened the front door to peer outside. Sitting on one side of the front porch, as if he were waiting for someone, was a beautiful male husky. Rising at her approach, he trotted inside, as friendly as could be and made himself at home.

Sue had a leash in the car and attached it to hold him until they could ascertain where he had come from. She later contacted the police to see if anyone had reported a lost dog, but there was no report.

"This gorgeous boy," as he was described by Carol Moffatt, deserved a good home. Carol sent out an e-mail to more than 150 people in the area, hoping to pique the interest of a good-hearted person. Along with a photo, she included a touching plea from the dog in the first person. Offers to house him started coming in.

Sue had also called Canoe Radio to place an announcement that a good home was being sought for Chance, as he was named by their kitchen chef, Jody. Jody took him home that first night. The husky interacted in a very friendly way with their three dogs, a cat and other family members. Jody concluded that he had been an indoor dog.

Sue also put up posters around the four corners of Highway 35 and Highway 118. She talked to Rob at The Hub Esso across Highway 35, telling him how she had found the dog. His response was, "Oh my God, that guy didn't do that, did he?" Apparently, the owner of a pick-up truck had stopped for gas. When Rob admired the dog, the owner said, "Do you want him?" Rob had not credited the owner as being serious at the time.

Having purchased gas, the owners of the dog stopped at That Place in Carnarvon for a quick dinner and then left without the dog. Doing a bit of detective work with Rob, Sue and he found a credit card receipt for the driver but as Sue said, "There were no laws broken so why spend the energy trying to track down and bust the owner? It's better



Joanne Bancroft and her husband Matt are thrilled to have added a husky they've named Marlow to their household. Marlow was found in Carnarvon and a call went out to find the husky a new home.

to spend our time finding the dog a good home.

"I'm so glad we found him and he didn't get hit on the highways."

Having recently acquired two tiny kittens, she and Ed did not feel prepared to bring home yet another pet.

Just recently, Sue had been leaving her home and found a pile of old chairs dumped at the entrance to her drive. Having taken them to the dump, she was recounting the story to an employee at work who responded, "It's despicable, but what I hate more is people who dump their pets!"

One lady took Chance home on Sunday evening but found that he was just too big for her home. Over 100 pounds, Chance is very big and strong, although Sue referred to him as "just a big suck on the inside."

As it turns out, there was no shortage of people willing to

take this beautiful dog. At 5 p.m. on Monday he was picked up by Matt Bancroft who works at the Ministry of Natural Resources. He was also offered a home at Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

It's not known if Chance was deliberately abandoned but Sue says that in Haliburton it happens more often than people know. Last year there was a pack of wild dogs chasing deer in the Carnarvon area which was upsetting many folks.

In the end Sue and Ed Yallop said, "We're very happy we found him a new home. Someone took his home away from him, so we just wanted to give one back."

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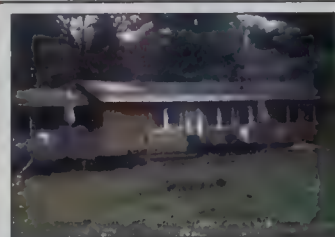


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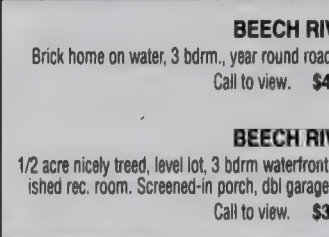


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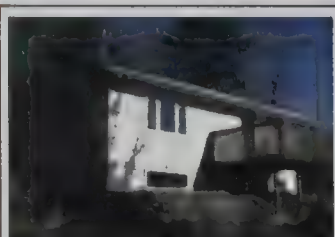


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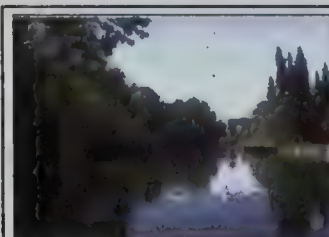


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The County of Haliburton and the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) would like to remind all ATVers that the Haliburton County Rail Trail (old rail trail from Kinmount to Haliburton Village) will be closed as of December 1, 2006 for all ATV use.

The County of Haliburton By-Law does not permit ATV use from November 30 to May 31 of each year. HATVA and the County of Haliburton would like to thank all ATVers for adhering to the by-law (# 3106). This By-Law stipulates speed limits, time of year usage, time of day usage as well as permit requirements. The Haliburton County Rail Trail will be open for ATV use on June 1, 2007. A copy of the By-Law is available from the County (286-1333), or check the HATVA website (www.haliburtonatv.com). All ATVers should know where they can ride, where they can not and what the rules (Hwys., Cty Rds., and local jurisdiction apply in Haliburton) that must be followed. Check (www.haliburtonatv.com) If not, the Haliburton County Rail Trail (By-Law # 3106) will be enforced by the County and the O.P.P.

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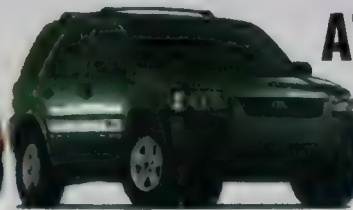


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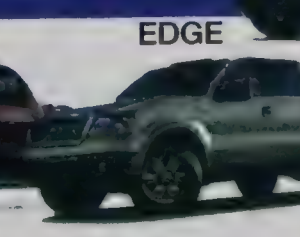
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- **Now until Nov. 30:** "A Tribute to Haliburton's Military Service Personnel" an exhibit at the Haliburton Highlands Museum: an opportunity for quiet reflection. Museum hours: Tues. thru Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 22:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staanworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appt. call 1-800-743-6255.
- **Nov. 22:** Register For Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Nov. 22 - 25:** The Farmdale Avenue Housing Estates Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of: A Christmas Carol will be staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton. Presented by Highlands Little Theatre, this rollicking take-off on the Dickens classic will keep the audience in stitches. Tickets available from Baubles 'n Bon Bons in Haliburton or the Storeroom in Minden. Curtain is 8 p.m. sharp. Refreshments are included in your admission.
- **Nov. 22, & 29:** The YWCA Women's Centre presents - A group on What is a Healthy Relationship? What is Love? YWCA Women's Centre, 11 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. 1-3 p.m. Nov. 22, 29. FREE! Facilitators: Marina Hodson & Diana Leary. Call 286-1942 to register.
- **Nov. 23:** Canadian Federation of University Women-Haliburton Highlands meets on Thurs., in the Great Hall of Fleming College at 7 p.m. There will be a presentation by SIRCH. Who is SIRCH? What does SIRCH do? The general public is welcome to attend. Come & learn how SIRCH provides innovative & accountable services & resources that support individuals, families & communities.
- **Nov. 23:** The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary will be having a pot luck lunch at noon followed by their General Meeting. Our Zone Commander will be our special guest. Members please plan to attend.
- **Nov. 23:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Parent Talk Time - 10 - 11 a.m. The topic is Potty Talk with Darlene Box from Point in Time (formerly Family Services of Haliburton County).
- **Nov. 23:** A workshop entitled Poetry for the Page and Poetry for the Stage will take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 1 p.m. Bring your poems and take part in a discussion about voice projection, diction, phonetics, cadence, tone, rhythm, use of gestures as well as what participants like or dislike about poetry readings and why. Workshop is free. Call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 to register.
- **Nov. 24:** Kawartha Treble Troupe in concert, Fri., Nov. 24, Galway Hall, 7:30 p.m. An evening to celebrate the Holiday Season. Desserts & coffee, Christmas Loonie Auction, draws and door prizes. For more information or to reserve tickets contact Diane Austin 488-2635 or Joyce Brown 488-2687. Sponsored by the Kinnmount Committee For Planning & Economic Development.
- **Nov. 24:** The work of artists from throughout the area will be up for auction as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation presents its annual Arts Exposed, A Cultural Affair. It's an evening of tasty hors d'oeuvres, silent, looney and live auctions. The fun starts at 6 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Advance tickets are at the door or purchase at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden or from Foundation members. Admission includes a raffle for a \$500 shopping spree at any of the participating artists.
- **Nov. 25:** Gooderham United Church Bake & Crafts Sale. Get there early, the amazing baking won't last. Stay and have lunch great tasting soup and fresh sandwiches will be served at 12 p.m. Sale starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.
- **Nov. 25:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Santa Claus visits the Gallery. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Nov. 25:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Model Train demonstration by Doug Stephen. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Nov. 25 - Dec. 22:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre - Deck the WALLS! Rails End Gallery's Annual Christmas Show and Sale of fine art and craft. 457-2330.
- **Nov. 26:** Village Chalet Family Restaurant is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Nov. 27:** Get messy at the Gallery! Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Friday of every month, 10:30 - 12:30. Informal activities for parents and preschoolers to do together. Call 457-2330.
- **Nov. 28:** HHSS Drama Students for Character Education proudly present SPEAK. A docudrama in remembrance of the children of the Holocaust. Directed by Elke Zilla & Christopher O'Mara. A performance of selected tributes, monologues and music performed by HHSS Students on Wed., Nov. 28, 7 p.m. Tickets avail. at the door. First come, first serve.
- **Nov. 30:** Wilberforce Play & Learn dates are changed for the month of November due to other bookings. Join Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 to noon. Join Bev Jackson the OEYC Literacy Specialist on Nov. 30 for a special story circle.

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- **Family Drop-In Saturdays:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Saturday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Nov. 25 (Santa will be here 1-4 p.m. Nov. 25), Jan. 27, & Feb. 24. Enjoy a free tour of the current exhibition followed by Open Studio activities for the whole family. Call 457-2330.
- **Adult Badminton:** Mondays - 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.
- **Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about ART and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **Do you have a talent** or a hobby you could share with a young person in Haliburton County? By becoming a Mentor and sharing your interests for just a couple of hours a week you will make a great impact on the life of a child. Information sessions are ongoing, so please call Marilou or Vicki at Family Services of Haliburton County, at 457-5345 and find out more.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays & Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. (705) 328-6175.

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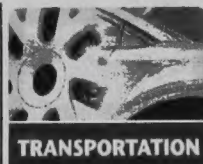
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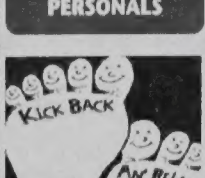
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Announcements

Thank You Cards

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and the confidence you have placed in me for the next four years. I will to represent you in a responsible and accountable manner on all issues.

Once again, many thanks.

- Eleanor Harrison

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Sincere Thanks - to Dr. Lingertat and the nurses that were working at Minden Hospital Emergency who helped with Dave the morning of September 24th (Dave now refers to all you nurses as His Awesome Angels), the ambulance drivers who transported him to Peterborough then on to Toronto, Dr.'s Stelzer and McKenzie, the Angels in Peterborough I.C.U., all the many Doctors and Angels at Toronto General C.I.C.U. and later in the Coronary Care Unit. To Dave and Bernice and Richard and Carolyn for looking after Kelsey and Hailey and to Carolyn for the trip to Toronto. To Roy and Shirley, Barb and Jim and Greg and Donna for looking after Graham and our homes while we were away and for Donna's last minute trip to Sutton. To Jean Broersma, Scott and Marion Gartshore, Craig Crowe, Jess McAfee and Jackie, Doug and Ryan Cronsberry for the trips to and from Toronto and to Elaine Anderson for arranging Dave's unexpected ride home on October 31st. To Dr. Bennett Wu for his care and concern (we thought house calls were a thing of the past), to everyone who phoned, sent cards and flowers and to Sandy Bradley for the delicious meal brought to our home. And last but not least, to our Employers for their understanding when we could not be at work so we could be with Dave, Dad, and Papa. Thanks again to you all!!

- Dave and Kathy Magee, Scott, Lori, Jesse and Graham Hamilton, Earl, Debbie, and Andrew Bull, Cory, Melissa, Kelsey and Hailey Bull.

P.S. We cannot leave it unsaid our feelings for the unconditional support of family thru the past several weeks. Never did I think I would travel to Toronto with you Cory. We did great eh!! Melissa's surprise paint job brought happy tears (much needed) Andrew's hugs, Jesse's phone calls, Grahams all day visit with us in Toronto, Kelsey's drawings and Hailey's care of Papa's flowers. Scott and Earl you were ROCKS for us and our girls. Debbie and Lori you are # one. We love you all dearly.

- Mom, Dad, Nana, and Papa. xoxo

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Deaths

WAGGETT, Keith - (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, November 17, 2006 in his 62nd year. Beloved husband of Mary Lou. Cherished son of Helene and the late Charles Waggett. Dear brother of Charles (Darlene) and Lynne (Greg).

Visitation & Memorial Service

A private family funeral service will be held. A celebration of Keith's life will be held for friends in the Community at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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WILDE, (Rod) Robert Roderick -

Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, November 13, 2006 in his 77th year after a courageous battle with leukemia.

He was the loving husband and best friend of his wife Christine. Devoted father of Trent (Kim) and Deborah (James McDaniel). Adored grampy to Kaelyn and Brandon. Dear brother of Betty (John), Norman (Deb), Alan (Bev) predeceased by Shirley (Reg) and Donald. Loved son-in-law of Al and Gerry Robertson, brother-in-law of John (Judy), Edward (Sue) and Charlene. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews as well as his extended family of friends. We will remember his smile and sense of humour.

Friends were invited to visit the at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 1-888-588-5777 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Thursday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Funeral Service in the home on Friday, November 17, 2006 at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary or to the Haliburton County Access Centre would be appreciated by the family.

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SKEAD, Leone - (Former resident of Minden) Passed away on October 13, 2006. Beloved wife of Harry Skead, mother of Juanita and Bob McIntosh, and grandmother of Jason and Angela McIntosh. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at the **Minden Anglican Church on December 2nd at 11 a.m.** Donations to the Cancer Society and Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay will be greatly appreciated.

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Card of thanks

MINTO - We wish at this time to thank our dear friends and family near and far, for their expressions of kindness and sympathy on the passing of our dear father, grandfather and beloved husband, Robert (Bob) Minto. Thanks to all those who sent regards via cards, flowers, calls and made donations in Bob's name. Thank you Kirsten, Barry and staff at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for your support and excellent service. A special thanks to Rev. Harry Morgan for your service, your friendship and your uniquely personal touch. We will treasure the memory forever. A special thank you to those who graciously acted as bearers for Bob. Thank you to the UCW of the United Church for the preparation and serving of the luncheon. An extra special thank you goes out to Dr. Steven Ferracuti, the nurses of Haliburton Hospital and the ambulance drivers. Thanks to all for joining us in the celebration of Bob's life, for helping to rekindle many fond memories.

- Jean, Chris, Wendy, and Dean Minto

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In memoriam

ROBINSON, Phillip - In loving memory of our Dad and Grandpa who passed away November 18, 1986.

It's twenty years since you left us, Dad,

A better Dad and Grandpa we couldn't

have had,

Gone is your hearty laugh and your

winning smile,

You had friends everywhere for many miles,

Our memories stay with us though our tears

still flow,

We miss you more than you'll ever know.

- Always remembered by daughter Janice, son Bradley and Robinson and Shaw families.

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SMITH, Melvin - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather.

Everyday, in some small way,

Memories of you come our way.

Though absent, you are ever near,

still missed, still loved and ever dear.

- Love Larry, Donelda, Kirk, Heather, Jamie and Cheryl

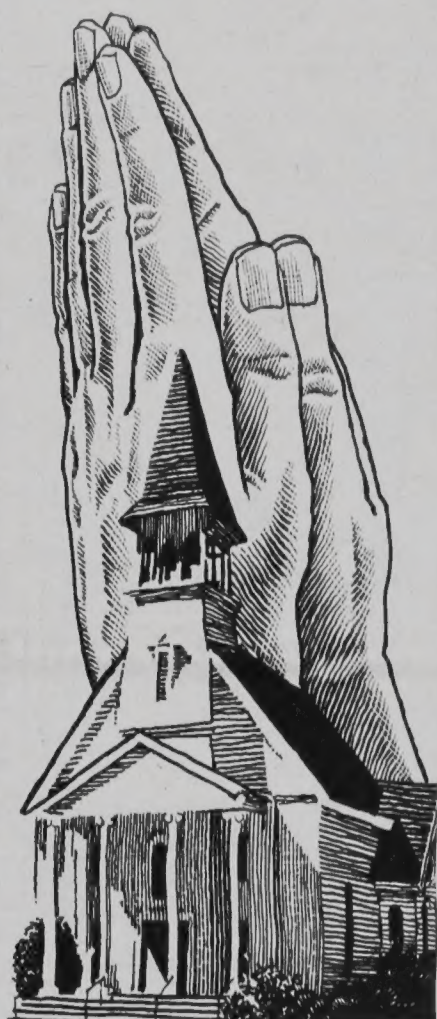
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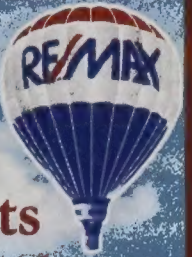
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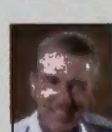
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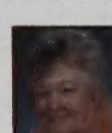
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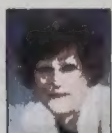
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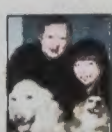
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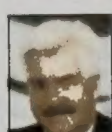
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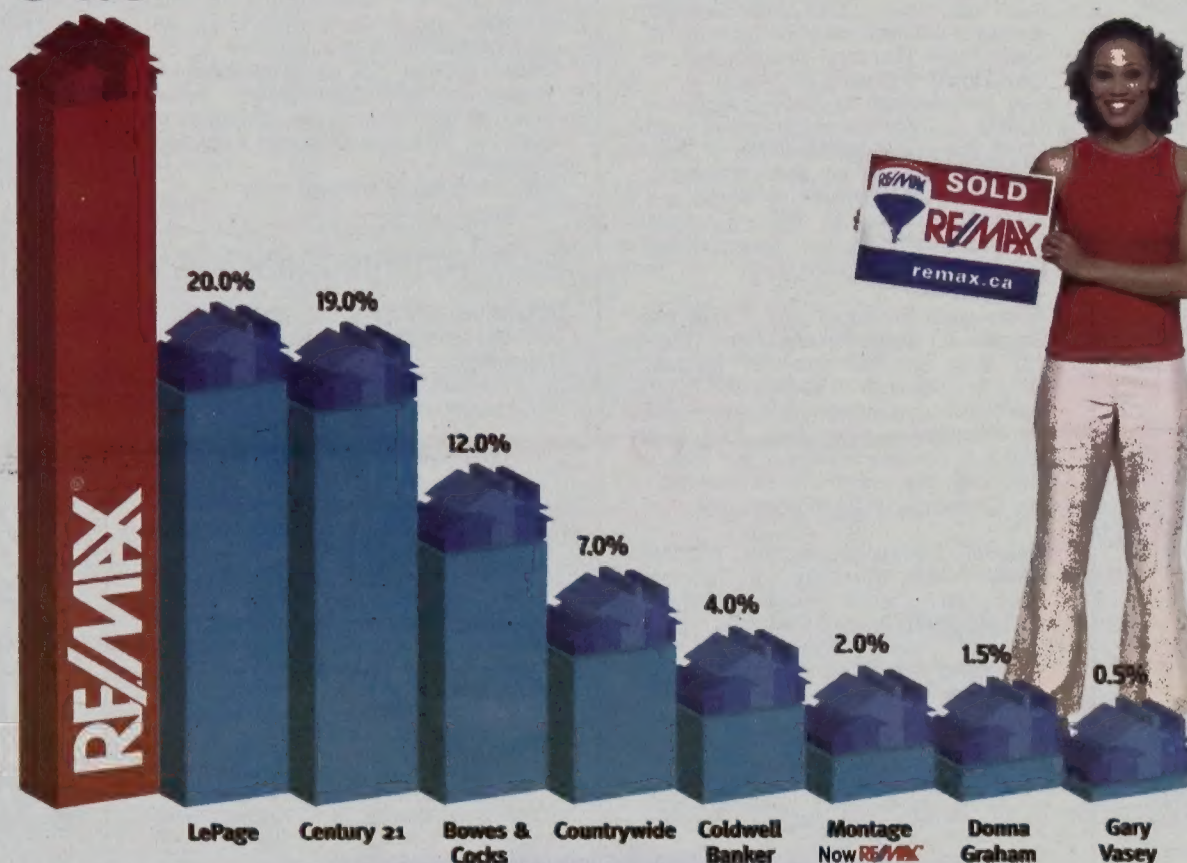


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